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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 9, 2005, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-14 and 42-43. Applicant respectfully notes that, contrary to the Examiner's characterization of Group I at page 3 of the Restriction Requirement, the claims in this group are not limited to murine B7-H1 since claims 1 and 2 do not recite an animal species. Applicant further elects the species of claim 8. The election is made without traverse.

Also enclosed is a Petition for One-month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of $60 as payment of the requisite fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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